

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 2, with the following:

C1 On the both sides of the electrode element 2, insulation plates are arranged, and free ends of the leads 9 and 10 of the electrode element 2 are led to the outside of the insulating plates. The free end of the negative electrode lead 10 is welded on the bottom surface of the outer packaging can 1 serving as an electrode terminal leading portion.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, line 17 with the following:

C2 As is apparent from FIG. 5 2B, the distance between the bending points 6k and 6l is large. For this reason, due to the transformation of the safety valve 6, the projecting portion 6a is largely separated from the sub-disk 4. In the manner, since the projecting portion 6a and the sub-disk 4 are largely separated from each other, a current cut-off operation can be reliably performed. The projecting portion 6a is connected to a lead through "a small thickness portion" of the disk 11. The projecting portion, is, however, clearly connected through the hole 11c in the disk 11.

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, line 6 with the following:

C3 As a solving means for the problems, an increase of the opening area of the peripheral hole 11d can be considered. However, the opening area is increased, the mechanical strength of the disk 11 itself cannot be easily assured. In order to assure the mechanical strength, the thickness of the disk 11 may be increased. However, when the thickness is increased, the capacity of the battery must be deerease decreased. For this reason, it is actually difficult to increase the opening area of the peripheral hole 11d.

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, line 11 with the following:

The positive electrode and the negative electrode of the electrode element 2 are formed such that a positive electrode active material and a negative electrode active material are coated on both the surfaces of a an elongated current collecting foil consisting of an aluminum (Al) foil and a copper (Cu) foil.

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, line 1 with the following:

Insulating thin plates are arranged on the both sides of the electrode element 2, and the free ends of the leads 9 and 10 of the electrode element 2 are led outside the insulating thin plates. The free end of the negative electrode lead 10 is welded on the bottom surface of the outer packaging can 1 serving as, e.g., an electrode terminal leading portion.

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, line 7 with the following:

In the electrode element 2, as the positive electrode active material of the positive electrode, a material in which, e.g., Li can be undoped and re-doped, a complex oxide expressed by an active material $LixMO_2$ (M is one transition metal selected from of Co, Ni, and Mn, 0.4 \leq x \leq 1.1) consisting of, e.g., a lithium transition metal complex oxide, among other things, $LiCoO_2$, $LiNiO_2$, $LiMn_2O_4$, or the like is preferably used. Such a lithium transition metal oxide can be obtained by the following method. That is, for example, a carbonate, nitrate, oxide, a hydroxide, and the like of Li, Co, Ni, and Mn are used as start materials, and these starting row materials are mixed with each other depending on a composition and burned in a temperature range of 600C to 1,000C.

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Please replace the paragraph on page 15, page 5 as follows:

As the organic solvent, for example, at least one organic solvent selected from more than one kind of a cyclic carbonate such as ethylene carbonate or propylene carbonate, vinylene carbonate, a chain carbonate such as dimethyl carbonate, ethyl-methyl carbonate or diethyl carbonate, ethyl-methyl, a cyclic ester such as -butyrolactone or -valerolactone, a chain ester such as ethyl acetate or methyl propionate, and an ether such as tetrahydrofuran or 1,2-dimethoxyethane can be used.

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Please replace the paragraph on page 16, line 7, with the following:

A disk 11 having a central hole through which the projection 6a of the safety valve 6 passes and which is constituted by, e.g., an Al metal plate is arranged between the safety valve 6 and the sub-disk 4 through a disk holder 12. The projecting portion 6a is connected to a lead through "a small thickness portion" of the disk 11. The projecting portion, is, however, clearly connected through the hole 11c in the disk 11.

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Please replace the paragraph on page 30, line 2 with the following:

As a result, the separate portion 11g is separated from the outer portion 11f in the state shown in FIG. 5B.